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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/640,863, filed August 18, 2000, which is turn is a Continuation-In-Part of Application No. 09/049,046 filed March 27, 1998, now U. S. Patent No. 6,270,205 issued August 7, 2001.

For (Title): INK JET HEAD CAPABLE OF RELIABLY REMOVING AIR BUBBLES FROM INK

By (Inventors): Masayuki TAKATA

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
  - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	8 - 20	= *0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= *0
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3. ☒ Check No. 151244 in the amount of \$770 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet is attached.
5. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-17(b')) are attached.
- ☐ Use Figure for front page of Publication.

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6. ☒ Priority of foreign applications No. 9-077257 filed March 28, 1997 in Japan, No. 9-079601 filed March 31, 1997 in Japan, No. 9-079602 filed March 31, 1997 in Japan, No. 11-234179 filed August 20, 1999 in Japan, and No. 2000-211226 filed July 12, 2000 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
- ☒ The certified copies of 11-234179 and 2000-211226 were filed in prior Application No. 09/640,863 on September 18, 2000. The certified copies of 9-077257, 9-079601 and 9-079602 were filed in prior Application No. 09/049,046 on March 17, 1998.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
- ☐ A copy of the priority document was transmitted by the International Bureau in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119. (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect the claim of benefit in the specification if not already present.)
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to BROTHER KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA, Nagoya, Japan and recorded at Reel 011055, Frame 0337.
9. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
10. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. The Preliminary Amendment amends the specification to reflect the continuation data. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application and claims canceled are identified in the listing of claims.
11. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
12. ☐ Small entity status:
- ☐ a. Entitlement to small entity status is asserted.
- ☐ b. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
14. ☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
15. ☒ The power of attorney in the application is to James A. Oliff, Registration No. 27,075, William P. Berridge, Registration No. 30,024, Kirk M. Hudson, Registration No. 27,562, Thomas J. Pardini, Registration No. 30,411, Edward P. Walker, Registration No. 31,450, Robert A. Miller, Registration No. 32,771, Mario A. Costantino, Registration No. 33,565, Joel S. Armstrong, Registration No. 36,430, Christopher W. Brown, Registration No. 38,025, Richard E. Rice, Registration No. 31,560, Paul Tsou, Registration No. 37,956, and/or Eric D. Morehouse, Registration No. 38,565.
- ☒ a. The power appears in the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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